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SUBJECT: FOREIGN ASSISTANCE

FOLLOWING, FOR THE SECRETARY'S INFORMATION, IS TEXT OF
LETTER TO INOUE JOINTLY FROM CHRISTOPHER AND BLUMENTHAL.
COPIES BEING DISTRIBUTED TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE SENATE:

1. "DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: THE FOREIGN ASSISTANCE APPROPRIA-
TION WILL BE ON THE FLOOR SHORTLY, AND I WANT YOU TO KNOW
THAT THE ADMINISTRATION STRONGLY SUPPORTS THE MAIN PROVISIONS
OF THE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE'S BILL.

2. "AS YOU KNOW, WE ARE CONCERNED WITH THIS APPROPRIATIONS
BILL BECAUSE OF ITS DIRECT IMPACT ON OUR FOREIGN POLICY
OBJECTIVES THROUGHOUT THE WORLD. IN MANY PARTS OF THE
WORLD, FOREIGN ASSISTANCE IS THE PRINCIPAL SINEW OF OUR
FOREIGN POLICY; IN OTHERS, IT IS COMPLEMENTARY TO A NUMBER
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OF INGREDIENTS WHICH, TOGETHER, MAKE UP OUR FOREIGN POLICY--
POLITICAL TIES, TRADE, MUTUAL INVESTMENT, ETC. WHILE THIS
ADMINISTRATION DID NOT ACCOMPLISH EVERYTHING IT SOUGHT IN
THE SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE BILL, AS IT STANDS, THE
BILL PROVIDES SOLID SUPPORT FOR OUR FOREIGN POLICY OBJECTIVES.

3. "JOBS, PRICES, RAW MATERIAL SUPPLIES, AND THE GENERAL

HEALTH OF OUR OWN ECONOMY DEPEND EVER MORE HEAVILY ON THE HEALTH OF THE WORLD ECONOMY. IF THE UNITED STATES IS NOT PREPARED TO DO ITS PART FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT, WE WILL INEVITABLY FACE ECONOMIC LOSSES HERE AT HOME WHICH WOULD FAR OUTWEIGH OUR CONTRIBUTIONS TO INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT.

4. "THE COMMITTEE REMOVED THE EARMARKING PROVISIONS IN THE HOUSE BILL WHICH WOULD DISRUPT AN IMPORTANT PORTION OF U.S. ASSISTANCE WHICH IS CHanneled THROUGH THE INTERNATIONAL BANKS. THE BANKS WOULD BE PROHIBITED BY THEIR CHARTERS FROM ACCEPTING SUCH EARMARKED CONTRIBUTIONS, AS WORLD BANK PRESIDENT MCNAMARA POINTS OUT IN THE ENCLOSED LETTER. THE RESULTING FAILURE BY THE U.S. TO MAKE ITS AGREED CONTRIBUTIONS WOULD, IN TURN, SEVERELY DISRUPT THE ECONOMIES OF MANY POOR COUNTRIES; JEOPARDIZE U.S. RELATIONS WITH THE ENTIRE DEVELOPING WORLD; AND CAUSE ACUTE PROBLEMS WITH OUR ALLIES, MANY OF WHOM HAVE ALREADY MADE THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS. WE URGE YOU TO OPPOSE ANY AMENDMENTS WHICH WOULD EARMARK AMERICAN CONTRIBUTIONS SO THAT THE SENATE CONFEREES WILL HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO PRESERVE THESE IMPORTANT INTERNATIONAL ASSETS WHEN THE APPROPRIATIONS BILL GOES TO CONFERENCE.

5. "WITH REGARD TO THE OVERALL MULTILATERAL INSTITUTION FUNDING LEVEL, WE ALSO SUPPORT THE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE'S BILL.

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MITTEE BILL, ALTHOUGH IT REPRESENTS SOME REDUCTION FROM THE PRESIDENT'S REQUEST. WITH RESPECT TO BILATERAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE, WE ARE CONCERNED ABOUT SOME OF THE RESTRICTIONS IMPOSED ON THE MANAGEMENT OF THE PROGRAM. SINCE THE COMMITTEE MADE SUBSTANTIAL CUTS IN FUNDING LEVELS, WE IMPORE THAT ANY FURTHER ATTEMPTS TO CUT BE FIRMLY RESISTED.

6. "SO IN CONCLUSION, WE URGE YOUR STRONG SUPPORT FOR THE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE'S BILL.

7. "SINCERELY,

8. W. MICHAEL BLUMENTHAL WARREN CHRISTOPHER
SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY ACTING SECRETARY OF STATE

9. "ENCLOSURE: LETTER FROM ROBERT MCNAMARA" CHRISTOPHER

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